

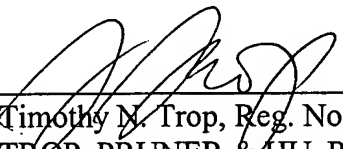
REMARKS

Claims 31 and 32 were rejected under Section 102(b) based on the patent to Johnson. However, the patent to Johnson was first published on June 17, 2004. The present application was filed before that date. Therefore, there is no basis for any rejection under Section 102(b).

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 31 and 32 is respectfully requested.

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